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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUANDA 1439

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SUBJECT: BRITISH NOT PLANNING TO REOPEN IN LUANDA PRIOR TO
INDEPENDENCE

1. ON SEPTEMBER 25 THE BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL, STENLEY CROFT, VISITED THE CONSULATE GENERAL AND SAID THAT HE WAS IN ANGOLA FOR A FEW DAYS TO "REVIEW THE SITUATION." INCLUDING THE BRITISH RAF AIRLIFT FROM ANGOLE. HE SAID THAT HIS CONSUL AND VICE CONSUL WOULD ALSO PROBABLY BE VISITING ANGOLA DURING OCTOBER. HOWEVER, HE SAID: THERE WAS NO PLAN TO RE-OPEN THE BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL, WHICH HE CLOSED ON AUGUST 3 AND THAT OFFICIAL BRITISH PRESENCE IN ANGOLA WOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER INDEPENDENCE ON NOVEMBER 11. (THE US IS NOW PROTECTIVE POWER FOR UK IN ANGOLA.)

2. HE ASKED HOW THE USG FELT ABOUT ITS CONTINUED OFFICIAL
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PRESENCE IN ANGOLA, AND WAS TOLD THAT WE HAVE NO REASON

TO BELIEVE OR EXPECTATION THAT WE WOULD BE DEPARTING.

3. CGMMENT: HE SEEMED TO HAVE HIS TAIL BETWEEN
HIS LEGS AS HIS WAS THE ONLY CONSULAR POST TO CLOSE
(OTHER THAN THE RSA WHICH CLOSED FOR UNIQUE REASONS.)
BRITISH SUBJECTS IN LUANDA CONTINUALLY COMPLAIN ABOUT
THA EVENT IN THE STRONGEST TERMS. HARDLY A "FLASHMAN"
CROFT LET THE UNION JACK DOWN AND LEFT HIS FLOCK
BEHIND, SO THE BRITISH ASSERT AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.
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